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Debra A. BaileyPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 24, 2001, said period of response being extended from February 24, 2001 to May 24, 2001.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 the amount of \$445.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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